

**REMARKS**

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-14, 17-18, 20-24 and 27 are pending in this application. All of these claims stand allowed as set forth in the Final Office Action of June 19, 2006. Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowability.

Applicant has corrected some typographical errors in claims 10 and 17. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has cancelled claim 16 (the only claim that was rejected in the Office Action) without prejudice and while preserving applicant's right to file a continuation application. This cancellation renders moot the only pending issue in this application.

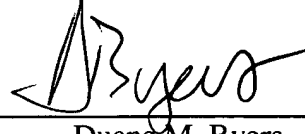
In view of the foregoing amendments, applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the examiner has any questions concerning this case, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

Respectfully submitted,

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